

reacted calmly because he knew Judie was only doing her job because he had failed to do his.

Judie's supervisor describes her as a consummate team player, a role model for novice officers and a source of amazement for veterans who cannot figure out how she maintains her enthusiasm. A former social worker, Judie says she finds great satisfaction in protecting her community while helping felons to lead productive lives after being imprisoned. "It doesn't happen very often, but when you see someone's life turn around, it's an extremely rewarding experience," Judie recently told her local newspaper.

I am proud to say that Judie Sedell not only is an outstanding constituent, she and her husband Mike, Simi Valley's city manager, are also my friends. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing her many more years of continued success.

MARV VALENTINE

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw the attention of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and my constituents in the 4th Congressional District to the distinguished career of a man I am proud to represent in Congress, Mr. Marv Valentine of Clare, Michigan.

Mr. Valentine is retiring after having dedicated 30 years of his life to Camp Rotary in Clare, and serving on the Lake Huron Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Through dedication, perseverance, and selflessness, Mr. Valentine and his wife, Justine, have built Camp Rotary into one of the finest scouting establishments in the Nation.

Scouting troops from the Midwest, and those from as far away as West Virginia, have experienced the wonder of Michigan's natural beauty at Camp Rotary. Located on 1,100 acres off Old Highway 27 in Clare, the camp is nestled in a woods of whispering white pines, next to a sparkling lake where deer and wild turkeys roam.

Besides serving as a home for scouts, Camp Rotary has also hosted football and band camps. Years ago, Mr. Valentine initiated an outdoor educational program for public and private schools.

Over three decades, more than 60,000 young people have learned new skills and made lifelong friends at Camp Rotary under Mr. Valentine's guiding hand and watchful eye.

On behalf of the campers and my constituents, I would like to thank him for his dedication to shaping so many lives and giving these young people priceless memories of their carefree days as a child at camp.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUE AND ED SMITH

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, in 1972 Sue Weinreb and her three children Kara, Dana

and David, and Edmund Smith and his three children, Corrie, Peter and Eddie moved to thirteen acres in Sonoma County, California to begin a life together. She was 29, he was 37. Together they had little money, no electricity, no running water, no house, and six kids between the ages of three and nine. Three boys and three girls. The original Brady Bunch. That summer they began the first of many do-it-yourself projects—building a home which would eventually take eight years to complete. Meanwhile, during that first year together, the 8 of them lived in a 24' trailer, a tent, and a Datsun, and took baths once a week at the neighbor's house down the road. Two years later, on June 29, 1974, they left the kids with a babysitter and snuck off to a rare weekend alone to get married. They planted eight redwood seedlings in the yard, to honor the new family.

In 1976 Sue and Ed started an environmental consulting business which they ran out of the barn. Over the next 12 years they grew the business into a full service analytical testing laboratory which employed 50 people in an 11,000 sq. ft. building in Santa Rosa. Other ventures followed. Meanwhile, they somehow managed to attend every one of their children's swimming meets, awards ceremonies, dance concerts, football games, and school plays. They made Halloween costumes and birthday crowns, helped with science fair projects, and joined in the wooden spoon duels in the kitchen. They volunteered when the community, built a playground, and they were involved in local politics. Because of their busy schedules, they made sure the family ate dinner together every night. And, they made sure to pass on their special interests to their children: sewing, woodworking, fishing, photography, science, art and travel.

Later, after the youngest had left home and they'd sold their business, they traveled to Africa, Australia, and Europe. No lazing around fancy hotels for them. Pictures show them kayaking with orca whales, riding donkeys, carving wooden masks, scuba diving, feeding giraffes and monkeys, and rock climbing.

This summer, Sue and Ed Smith will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with friends and family under those same eight redwood trees, which now tower over the house they built. Those 25 years haven't always been easy. There were especially terrible times—a separation, the death of Peter at age 28. But, there were especially joyous times—the births of their grandchildren Nick Smith Shafer and Scott Anderson Shafer (with their oldest son recently announcing that a third is on the way).

Sue and Ed's marriage is a testament to what can be created when a couple has a shared vision and a commitment to do whatever needs to be done to do the job right. They have always provided support for each other, their community, and their kids, to help, to listen, and to do.

Their greatest accomplishments thus far? The creation of a family, not without its strains and difficulties like all families, but a family where the grown children—now a teacher, a legislative assistant for a member of Congress, a stay-at-home mom/sex educator, and a lighting director/screenwriter—genuinely enjoy and care for each other and their parents. And, after 25 years of marriage, Sue and Ed Smith are truly best friends who treasure each

other's company. They are a wonderful example of family values and an inspiration to all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 342, I was very surprised to discover that my vote for final passage of H.R. 2605, The Energy and Water Appropriations Act, was not recorded. I was definitely present for all the preceding votes on amendments and for final passage.

Although I do not understand why my vote on final passage was not recorded, I know I was present on July 27 and intended to vote for passage of H.R. 2605, The Energy and Water Appropriations Act, on Tuesday, July 27. Please let it be noted that I support The Energy and Water Appropriations Act, as amended. I would have voted in favor of passage.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE LLOYD WELCH POGUE

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish The Honorable Lloyd Welch Pogue, a member of the Provincial Families of Maryland, who has resided in Maryland more than 60 years, a happy 100th-year birthday anniversary on 21 October 1999. I also wish to make special mention of his appointment by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a Member and Chairman of the United States Civil Aeronautics Board. The USCAB rendered valuable services in the World War II program throughout the period of this Nation's involvement in that War. His professional career culminated in his being named Partner in a large law firm.

AMERICAN INVENTORS PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1907, the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999. My position on this legislation is a result of my deep concern for the rights of those whom the bill claims to protect, the small, independent inventors whose ideas have revolutionized our country from its very inception. Along with these concerns, I object to the speed, secrecy, and convoluted method by which this bill has been slipped onto the floor late at night under suspension of the rules. The process by which H.R. 1907 comes to the House floor for a vote is an example in how not to proceed with a piece of legislation that not only attempts to